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Samoan Youth Enjoy *Junior Ranger Activity Book* Debut Event

Pago Pago, AS—Over 50 Samoan youth from the Pago Pago Latter-Day Saints Church participated in last Friday's debut event for the National Park of American Samoa's *Junior Ranger Activity Book*. Park rangers presented a special program about the significance of the national park, followed by completion of activities within the book. Activities ranged from coloring coral reef fish and traditional siapo to a word search and crossword puzzle. After completion of a number of the 12 activities, they were presented with official Junior Ranger Certificates and Badges. Everyone, including parents and church leaders, enjoyed learning about their unique island environment.

This activity book establishes the National Park of American Samoa's first Junior Ranger Program. This program was developed to engage young people in age appropriate activities that allow them to discover the significance of a specific site, introduce them to the National Park System, and to the mission of the National Park Service. Most of the over 390 national park units offer this program.

The *Junior Ranger Activity Book* is available for free at the National Park Visitor Center in Ottoville or can be downloaded at www.nps.gov/npsa.

The National Park of American Samoa was established in 1988 to preserve the coral reefs, tropical rainforest, archeological and cultural resources, the habitat of fruit bats, and to provide educational opportunities for visitors and residents. National park lands and waters are leased from villages and the American Samoa Government through a long-term agreement with the National Park Service.

For more information about visiting the National Park of American Samoa, call 699-3982, email NPSA_Info@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/npsa. Also, visit the national park's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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